

Picatinny Junior Bassmasters Brave the Rain

Christopher DeLima and Trent Grau Taste Victory in Bassin' Kids Tourney

Sometimes it rains on your parade, but the show must go on. Thirteen hearty junior anglers learned they wouldn't melt in a few rain drops on Picatinny Lake, but the fish would bite better. They braved the sporadic rain in pursuit of largemouth bass in the 14th annual Bassin Kids Tourney sponsored by the Picatinny Rod and Gun Association (PR&GA), Civilian Welfare Council and Keitech USA Baits. At the start of the tourney each family was provided with a tackle pack generously donated by the CWC and Keitech USA Bait's, which included Keitech Swing Impact Swimbaits, some plastics worms, Megabass stickbaits, hooks, and weights.

Five year old Trent Grau welcomed the rain, as he managed to catch a limit of 3 bass which easily held up for first place in the 11 and Under Junior Division. Trent had a sour taste in his mouth from last year when he was denied a trophy in his debut at the Bassin Kid's Tourney. He was determined to redeem himself and practiced many times with his Dad leading up to the event. His practice paid off. He landed all his bass on Texas-rigged (bullet weight on the line above the hook) Zoom black plastic worm and green lizard. Walter Chang, age 11, landed a 2 pound bass that earned him 2nd place, on a Texas-rigged Watermelon-chartreuse Baby Brush Hog. And 10 year old Daniel DeLima used a Yammamoto Senko to catch his 1.6 lb bass good for a third place trophy. Other anglers in the Junior Division that landed fish were Adelise Longo (5) who weighed in a nice pickerel, Josephine Change (9), who brought a pickerel and a Black Crappie to the scales, and Olivia Postal age six, whose Black Crappie caught on a Mann's Baby One Minus Crankbait earned her a trophy for Lunker Panfish.

Seven young anglers competed in the Senior Division (Age 12-15), including 14 year old Christopher DeLima. Like Trent, Chris was much more productive in his second Bassin' Kids event. He landed two keeper bass on a wacky-rigged Senko that held up for the best overall weight of the tourney, over 5 pounds. He anchored his creel with a lunker bass that weighed almost 3 pounds which was the Lunker Bass on the day. Aidan Murray, age 13, also caught 2 bass. Aidan's bass hit an artificial frog and earned him second place in the Senior Division. Aidan also landed the Lunker Toothfish – a 2.3 lb Chain Pickerel on the same frog. No other bass we caught among the senior anglers, so 14 year old Ali Ross walked away with the 3rd place trophy based on a drawing. Also competing and bringing in pickerel and panfish were Anthony Thompson and his twin brother Michael (12), Sade Grau (14) and Thomas LePree (14).

Once again, thanks go out to our generous sponsors - the Civilian Welfare Council, Keitech USA Baits, and the Picatinny Rod and Gun Association. Also to a number of the PR&GA Bassmasters who generously donated baits and terminal tackle to make up some of the tackle packs. Special thanks to Marc Alster for bringing lollipops for the contestants and taking pictures of the great event, and Greg Mitchell for taking time to host some young anglers on his boat.

Picatinny Lake continues to offer a plentiful variety of fish for all anglers, including bass, chain pickerel, northern pike, black crappie, perch, bluegills, sunnies and bullhead catfish. If you're lucky, you will get to see the resident bald eagle perched on a lakeside tree or swooping down for a snack. Fishing is available to all military and civilians employees working at Picatinny Arsenal, and their guests. See the PA Reg 215-1 for the exact eligibility rules. All it takes is a NJ fishing license and a \$2 Picatinny fishing permit. MWR boats on the arsenal lakes and ponds are available for rent from Outdoor Rec, or can be used for free by signing up for the PR&GA. The next opportunity for the children to win some prizes while taking advantage of the arsenal waters is Saturday, 28 September when the PR&GA will sponsor its annual National Hunting and Fishing Day Trout Contest at 10:00 am in the stream below Bucky's. Contact Tom Hartigan or any PR&GA member for more details.

Picatinny Rod & Gun Assoc.
Bassin' Kids Invitational Bass Tournament
When: Saturday 13 July 2013, 0600-1000 hrs
Where: Picatinny Lake

RESULTS

	<u># Bass</u>	<u>Total Weight</u>	<u>Big Bass</u>	<u>Other Fish</u>
JUNIOR DIVISION (11 AND UNDER):				
1. Trent Grau, 5	3	4.90 lbs	2.37 lbs	
2. Walter Chang, 11	1	1.95 lbs	1.95	
3. Daniel DeLima, 10	1	1.61 lbs	1.61	1.38 Pickerel
4. Olivia Postal, 6	1	1.08 lbs	1.08	1.48 Pickerel, .81 lb Crappie Bass
5. Josephine Chang, 9	-	--	--	1.18 Pickerel, .63 Crappie
6. Adelise Longo, 5	-	--	--	.89 Pickerel

SENIOR DIVISION (12-15):

1. Christopher DeLima, 14	2	5.15 lbs	2.94 lbs	1.34 Pickerel
2. Aidan Murray, 13	2	3.79 lbs	2.??	2.28 Pickerel
3. Ali Ross, 14	-	--	--	.73 Crappie
4. Thomas LePree, 14	-	--	--	1.82 Pickerel
4. Anthony Thompson, 12	-	--	--	1.75 Pickerel
4. Michael Thompson, 12	-	--	--	1.16 Pickerel
4. Sade Grau, 14	-	--	--	

Lunker Bass – Chris DeLima, 2.94 lb Largemouth Bass
Lunker Toothfish – Aidan Murray, 2.28 lb Chain Pickerel
Lunker Panfish – Olivia Postal, .81 lb Black Crappie Bass